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Kootenai National Forest

A Partnership to Rebuild the Past

from information supplied by Rebecca Timmons, Forest Archaeologist

A dedicated group of local citizens has joined forces with the Forest Service to begin restoration of the old Bull River Ranger Station. The Cabinet Wilderness Historical Society (CWHs), formed in 1989, has been the driving force behind the restoration efforts. In the summer of 1989 volunteers donated over 700 hours of labor, weathered incessant rain storms, blistering heat, enraged pack rats, and annoyed bats to complete initial stabilization of the station. They gave it a new roof, new window panes, new porches, and newly painted window frames.

July of 1990 saw another flurry of activity when CWHs hosted a living history exhibit in Noxon, Montana, to "celebrate the past" and raise money for the restoration. Historic displays and demonstrations, food, fiddlers and square dancing drew over 1,000 people.

The Bull River Ranger Station, built in 1908, was one of the first projects of newly appointed District Ranger Granville "Granny"

Gordon. The Cabinet National Forest had been established only two months prior, in 1906. The two-story log house was built from floor plans that called for two porches, three bedrooms, a kitchen, a closet, and a "sitting room." These plans survived the intervening 94 years!

The station witnessed the devastation of the surrounding lands in the 1910 forest fire, and survived to be used as a residence for rangers' families and teachers, as well as a work station for forest and county crews.

Last spring a committee from CWHs joined District Ranger Jim Mershon, Historian Eunice Conner, Resource Forester William Rockwell, and Archaeologists Rebecca Timmons and Mark White to discuss alternatives for the station's use and develop a list of work projects. Goals for the Bull River Station now include further stabilization, restoration, and interpretive work.



The Bull River Ranger Station in 1908

The woman holding a baby on the cabin's porch is the wife of District Ranger Granville "Granny" Gordon. The baby is their daughter, Blanche. Daughters Grace (left) and Stella (right) stand in the garden. The ranger's mother, Elizabeth Gordon, is seated on the porch. Standing at the left of the cabin is a transient laborer, "Coyote Kid."



Fifty Years of Smokejumping Celebrated

by Elayne Murphy, Public Affairs Officer

On July 12, 1940, Earl Cooley and Rufus Johnson landed a place in firefighting history when they suited up, loaded on to an airplane, and jumped down to their destination: a small fire in the Marten Creek drainage of the Nez Perce National Forest.

That history-making jump marked the beginning of the smokejumping organization. And its anniversary was the reason hundreds of people assembled in Grangeville on July 12, 1990.

That's right! Over 500 people signed the guest register at the golden anniversary party in Grangeville. Of those, nearly 100 were current or retired smokejumpers or pilots.

Why did people come? Many people, fascinated with firefighting in general, came out of curiosity and a desire to learn more.

Of course, people being people, free cake and food available from a local concession stand provided an added draw.

There was a common denominator, however: everyone came to have fun. There were many smiles, handshakes, and hugs exchanged as old friends greeted one another. And the stories! Firefighting veterans had all kinds of stories about terrible fires and heroic efforts.

The "stars" of the day were Earl Cooley and Dorothy Robinson, wife of the late Rufus Robinson. Between media interviews, certificates of appreciation and photos were presented to both Earl and Dorothy in recognition of their contributions to the smokejumper organization. A commemorative plaque was also unveiled which will be placed near the site of the first jump.



Current and former smokejumpers and pilots pose in front of a familiar 1939 Ford Tri-Motor at the reunion.

Some were fascinated with the aircraft used in firefighting efforts and climbed aboard the airplanes open for public tours (among the favorites—a 1939 Ford Tri-Motor brought courtesy of Evergreen Aviation of McMinnville, OR).

There were video buffs glued to the television watching various programs about smokejumpers. And almost everyone crowded the runway to watch proficiency jumps made by smokejumping personnel as well as water drops made by air tankers.

And what did Earl think of the event? "I didn't think 50 years ago that I was going to stir up a commotion," he said. Smokejumping has come a long way since its origins when Earl said it was often referred to as a "lame brain idea."

Compare that with the modern view of smokejumping. In honor of the 50th anniversary of smokejumping, Cecil D. Andrus, Governor of the State of Idaho, proclaimed July 12, 1990, to be "Smokejumpers Recognition Day in

Idaho." In his proclamation, Governor Andrus encouraged Idahoans to "...take the opportunity to attend this event and learn more of the outstanding service performed by our dedicated, well-trained smokejumpers who protect our forest lands."

It's obviously not perceived to be a lame brain idea anymore! Happy anniversary to all who have been or currently are a part of this extraordinary organization.

1990 RPA Program Charts New Course for the National Forests

The 1990 RPA (Resource Planning Act) program was signed by Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter and transmitted to Congress in June. RPA provides a long-term plan for management of national forest lands every five years. The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act was passed in 1974, directing the Secretary of Agriculture to periodically assess the status of the nation's forest and range resources, and to prescribe a program for resource management under the direction of the Forest Service.

RPA's 1990 program reflects the changing attitude and desires of the American people. It embraces the Forest Service's New Perspectives philosophy. Although commodity production will continue to be an important goal, I feel that the 1990 RPA plan strikes a better balance among multiple uses.

There are four major emphasis areas in the new program that we will need to vigorously pursue over the next 5 to 10 years. They are 1) enhance the recreation, wildlife, and fisheries resources; 2) ensure that commodity production is environmentally acceptable; 3) improve scientific information for resource management; and 4) respond to global resource issues.

The new program, nationally, makes downward adjustments in timber and rangeland grazing outputs on NFS lands as compared to those identified in forest plans. Acreage proposed for clearcutting is decreased 47%, nationally, from that projected in

forest plans. Overall, the recreation, wildlife, and fisheries resource outputs are increased, and more emphasis is placed on rounding out our agency's multiple-use mission.

I encourage you to become well acquainted with the 1990 RPA program. It provides us direction so that we can manage the lands entrusted to us with consistency Service-wide. Our "New Perspectives" philosophy, and our "Change on the Range" and "Rise to the Future - Fish Your National Forests" programs are completely in line with RPA's direction.

The program also opens a new emphasis area which the very innovative people in Region One can address – response to global resources issues. The "America the Beautiful" tree-planting program is an example of the kind of program that will address this emphasis item.

I'm excited and encouraged about the 1990 RPA program. It prescribes the same balanced approach to management, sensitivity to the environment and to our public, and attention to global resource problems that I'd like to emphasize in this Region.



John Mumma

Custer National Forest

Goats and Beetles to the Rescue !

by Margaret Walker, Range Conservationist

During the past three years the Medora Ranger District on the Little Missouri National Grasslands has expanded its leafy spurge control program to include biological control agents. Recognizing that the spray program done in cooperation with grazing associations made a very small impact on the approximately 2,500 acres of rangeland infested with spurge, the District implemented an integrated pest management program.

The summers of 1988-90 brought herders with 200-400 hungry Angora goats. Although the goats do not kill the spurge, they do strip the weed of its leaves and flowers, thus opening the canopy, removing the seed source, and stressing the plant. Continued grazing of the spurge will weaken the plant and allow more desirable species to compete.

Because of the success of the program

and the attention it has received from the local ranchers, the District is planning to expand the goat program to 1,000 goats in 1991. One enterprising rancher was impressed enough with the District program that he bought his own herd of Angora goats to control the spurge on his ranch.

In addition to Angora goats, Medora District is also using insects in their program. An agreement between APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) and the Forest Service has resulted in



two insectaries (a place where insects are kept or bred) being established on the Grasslands for the propagation of bio-control agents.

The District has also released three species of flea beetles, *Aphthona cyparissiae*, *A. nigriscutis*, and *A. flava*. The adults of the beetles feed on the foliage during the summer and lay their eggs at the base of the spurge plants. The larvae will tunnel through the soil and mine the primary and secondary roots internally and externally, as well as the fine root hairs.

Within three years, the impact of the beetles on the spurge should be noticeable and the population of beetles should be sufficient to begin a transplant program on the District and to other Districts with leafy spurge infestations.

Forest Honored by Conservation Group



Tom Alt (left) and Blase DiLulo were presented the Greater Yellowstone Coalition's "Stewardship Award-1990" in May for their "no-trace" camping wilderness education program.

The Custer National Forest and two of its employees were honored last spring by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a conservation group that focuses on the Greater Yellowstone Area. The coalition presented several awards at their annual meeting held at Teton Village, Wyoming, in appreciation of contributions to the enhancement and preservation of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The Forest's Wilderness Management Program was recognized for its outstanding wilderness education component. Tom Alt and Blase DiLulo, of Beartooth Ranger District, introduce over 3,000 sixth-graders to "no-trace" camping each year.

"The education program is a major part of the Custer NF's Wilderness Management Program, and represents a long-term commitment on the part of the Forest to education, to a more sound and lasting approach to dealing with wilderness areas," said GYC Program Director Louisa Wilcox. She said that although several national forests have initiated wilderness education programs in the past decade, the Custer NF has been the only one to maintain its commitment. She said "Tom Alt and Blase DiLulo have made this an unsurpassed achievement."

Helena National Forest

Employee of the Month

Each month Helena National Forest employees select an "Employee of the Month" to recognize an individual who makes a positive difference in the way other employees feel about doing their job.

For the month of June, Ray Roberts, electronics technician was chosen; for July, LaVerna Moothart, purchasing agent, was the honoree; and Bob Kellogg, fire management officer, was selected for the month of August.

The program is conducted through the Forest's Civil Rights Action Committee.

Newsletter Guidelines

The Northern Region News is published by the Northern Region Public Affairs Office for employees and retirees. Following are guidelines for submitting stories:

- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.

- Articles must be concise and timely. All articles are subject to editing, and may not be used if outdated, inappropriate, or if space does not permit.

- Photos should be black and white, glossy prints if possible.

- Send articles to D.Riebe:R01A (Data General) or Deanna Riebe, Northern Region Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807. The public affairs officer on your Forest may want to preview articles before they are sent. If so, please follow that process.

Good Host "Extraordinaire"

by Elayne Murphy, Public Affairs Officer

Imagine being hundreds of miles from home on a raft trip in unfamiliar country, flipping your raft, and getting out without much more than the swimsuit on your back in the heart of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

That's what happened to Craig Watts and his floating party on the Selway River in May. Fortunately, the story has a happy ending due to Moose Creek Ranger District packer, Don Esslinger.

Don met Craig's party at the Moose Creek Ranger Station where he loaned the floaters dry fire clothes and fed them supper.

By the next day, Don arranged for an airplane to fly Craig's wife out to Grangeville. He also loaned the stranded party some rope and a come-along so they could get their raft off the rocks and resume the trip.

End of story? No. Don went one step further, providing reports on the party's progress to Mrs. Watts who was nervously waiting in town.

Craig summarized his feelings about the trip and Don's assistance in a letter to Chief Robertson. His conclusion: "He (Don) is a fine man and public servant; our warmest memory of the Selway country and the United States Forest Service will be of our acquaintance with Don Esslinger."

Now that's customer service!

Nez Perce National Forest

"Get Hooked on Fishing" Derby, 1990

by Wayne Paradis, Fisheries Biologist and Derby Chairman

The Clearwater Ranger District and Nez Perce NF Supervisor's Office held a very successful fishing derby during National Fishing Week in June. The derby was open to local youth, ages 5-12. Sixty-two kids signed up and harvested 186 fish. Fishing success was high with many participants getting their 6-fish limit. Wade Potter won the "Big Fish" contest for ages 5-8 and Kyle Williams won in the 9-12 age class.

The derby was sponsored by the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association. Cooperating agencies included the Cottonwood, Idaho, office of the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Community sponsors included landowners Carm, Craig and Jane Spencer, on whose 4-acre pond the derby was held, and who also purchased over 600 kamloops trout for the occasion. Local merchants donated prizes and refreshments. The derby was staffed by agency personnel and community volunteers.



Five-year-old Margo Johnston, Cottonwood, Idaho - Before ...



... and after the catch !!

Regional Office and Lolo National Forest

Awards for Special Effort

Jim Flansburg, Lolo National Forest Engineering, and Sara Lustgraaf from the Regional Office Geometronics group, were awarded recently by the Regional Forester for their outstanding work and innovation in producing the maps and graphics for the Comprehensive Plan for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

Sara was awarded for her mapping expertise and dedication to the project enabling deadlines to be met, and for her "responsiveness and good humor when confronted by constant changes or modifications."

Jim was awarded for developing a logo for the trail and for creating the artwork for the final Comprehensive Plan; he did both on his own time. Jim's knowledge of the history and culture of the American Indian, particularly the Nez Perce

Tribe, combined with his outstanding artistic ability, made him a particularly valuable participant on the project.

John Mumma gave the awards on behalf of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Advisory Council.



Regional Forester John Mumma (left) hands Jim Flansburg a T-shirt that displays the logo Jim designed.



Sara Lustgraaf displays her certificate.



Hands-on Approach for Firefighter Guard School

by Dick Schwecke, Resource Assistant, Judith Ranger District

Judith Ranger District sponsored a hands-on approach to training new fire fighters in June. The five-day guard school was set up the same as a large fire under the Incident Command System. Historic Judith Guard Station, about 30 miles south-east of Stanford, functioned as the Incident Base. It was also used for structure protection training during part of the course.



Trainees were requested via "Fire Orders", and were dispatched to the school with all line gear and personal gear bags to survive a week in fire camp. Incoming trainees were checked in at the "Plans" tent, and assigned sleeping areas by the "Camp Manager." Meals were a combination of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and

freeze dried rations for the first two days, with one hot catered meal each of the last three days of school. Showers were unavailable.

The weather cooperated, with high temperatures in the 90's, and scattered lightning storms in the afternoon.

Shift plans were handed out each day at the morning briefing. Daily objectives, organization charts, assignments, safety, weather, communication, and other items were explained. The plans were changed each day to present new problems to the students.

Training in basic fire behavior, tools, and line construction were incorporated into a day of identifying escape zones, flagging escape routes, building line, scouting for spot fires, and adjusting to lost line. This was especially challenging in the 95-degree temperatures.

Training in helicopters involved proper procedures to approach, load, and depart.

Engines, pumps, hose lays, foam and water use were incorporated into an exercise to protect structures, make a flanking attack with engines, establish a relay with a fold-a-tank, and establish hose lays.

This hands-on approach gave the trainees a more realistic look at firefighting than a classroom environment would supply. Thirty-three new seasonal employees attended all five days of the guard school, and another 15 employees attended parts of it. Students left with an enthusiastic and positive attitude towards firefighting. More importantly, they left a few hours early to be dispatched to a fire in New Mexico!



News Briefs

Retirees Meeting

The autumn luncheon meeting of Inland Empire Forest Service Retirees is scheduled for October 16 at Templins in Post Falls. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at 12:30 p.m. Any retirees not on the regular calling list who wish to attend should call Darlene Bushfield at (208) 765-4918 or Bob Damon at (509) 467-0627. Please call by October 12.

Fly-in Campground Rededicated - L&C NF

Sixty pilots and their families arrived in 28 small airplanes to enjoy a barbeque and re-dedication of the Benchmark Fly-in Campground August 1. The campground is located about 25 air miles west of Augusta, just outside the east edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The rededication was in memory of Ray VanDeRiet for his efforts to reestablish the campground after the original had been destroyed by the 1964 flood. A new sign commemorating the "Ray VanDeRiet Memorial Campground" was unveiled during the ceremony. Members of the VanDeRiet family were special guests.

The pilots who flew in for the ceremony were members of the Alberta Aviation Council. The fly-in celebration was hosted by the Montana Pilots' Association and Mike Ferguson of the Montana Aeronautics Board. Members of the Council complimented the Forest Service for its cooperation and the fine airstrip at Benchmark.

Fun Day at Trapper Creek — Bitterroot NF

Each year, H.C. Labrier, Center Director for Trapper Creek Job Corps Center approves a "Fun Day" for staff and students by closing

school and all work program areas. Both staff and students participate in games and activities like javelin throw, archery, horseshoes, wheelbarrow race, 3-legged race, tennis, softball, tug-of-war, etc. This provides a special opportunity for social interaction between students and staff. This year's Fun Day was July 18 turned out to be fun for all!

Hosts Receive 1,000-Hour Awards - Lolo NF

At the July District meeting, District Ranger Ellen Vollmer presented 14 campground hosts with 1,000-Hour Awards for outstanding work and dedication. Each has volunteered 2,500 to 3,000 hours as hosts providing visitor information, minor maintenance, cleaning and general carpentry for the District.

Receiving awards were Norm and Happy Pearson, Mort and Jean Powell, Don and Sara Reese, Jack and Pat Judd, Al and Antona Vig, Dan and Ailine Capps, and Frank and Margaret Shumway. Each couple received a letter of appreciation, a plaque, and a copy of *Montana National Forests*.

National TPIA Winner - Deerlodge NF

The South Butte Kiwanis Club of Butte, Montana, has been selected as one of four Forest Service national award winners for the 1989 Take Pride In America (TPIA) program. The four were selected from among 600 finalists. The Club was nominated for its work on Sheepshead Recreational Complex, making it more accessible for wheelchairs, and designed an overnight camping facility for the physically challenged. A TPIA national awards ceremony was scheduled for September 18 in Washington, D.C.

Beaverhead National Forest

New T-Shirts for a New Program



The Beaverhead crew (from left): Norm Schluessler, civil engineer; Kathy Smith, civil engineering technician (and t-shirt design consultant); Ed Levert, district ranger, Wise River District; Dick Owenby, Timber/Recreation/Fire staff officer; Ron Prichard, forest supervisor; George Weldon, asst. ranger, Sheridan District; Rex Blackwell, Engineering staff officer; and Ken Keefe, landscape architect.

Beaverhead Forest Supervisor Ron Prichard made a standard opening statement at the recent Capital Investment Program presentations in the Regional Office. Each Forest was in, making its pitch for funding for projects from 1990 to 1995. Then Ron stood and said, "Okay, now let's strip and get down to business."

Everyone in the Beaverhead NF delegation took off their shirts to reveal special Capital Investment Program t-shirts, featuring the Scenic Byway logo, and National Forest Centennial logo. The team chipped in to buy the shirts just for the occasion.

In Memoriam

Cora Olsen, Forest Service employee for 30 years, died September 3 at her home in Missoula. She was 80. Olsen retired in 1969 from the Regional Office.

W.C. "Cap" Evans, 42-year Forest Service employee, died September 2 at 87. Evans worked in Administration in the Regional Office.

Personnel Actions

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

EDDY, WILLIAM, frstr tech, Sula RD, cash award
JACOBS, CARL, frstr, Sula RD, cash award
NEILL, ELIZABETH, Indscp archt trainee, Darby RD, conv to career Indscp archt, SO
OLIVER, MIKE, pub affairs spec, SO, belt buckle award
OSET, BOB, wilderness ranger, Nez Perce NF, Moose Cr RD, prom, resour spec, West Fork RD
SCHREIBER, WINNIE, frstr trainee, Darby RD, frstr

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

EDWARDS, JOHN, wldf bio, SO to R-8 RO. reassignment
HATCHER, MARK, range con, Medora RD, reassign to Grand Mesa NF
KARY, GAY, SCSEP, SO, award

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

CLUTE, JIM, frstr, Jefferson NF, VA, promotion
EGUCHI, MARCIA, acct tech, SO eng, promotion
TARLTON, DEBRA, comp clk, S timber, promotion
WOLFE, VANGIE, comp prog analyst, SO eng, reinstatement

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

CLARK, DENISE, clk typ, Townsend RD, award
MUCCI, DEBBIE, civil eng tech, SO, Promo

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

ADAMS, BETTY, promotion, frstry tech, Avery RD
BARNES, CRAIG, frstr, Kootenai NF, promotion, suprvy frstr, Sandpoint RD
BARTLETT, JULIE, promotion, computer asst, Avery RD
BAZZLE, ROBIN, promotion, wrkr trainee, Wallace RD
BECK, JERI, promotion, wrkr trainee, Wallace RD
BRADBURY, CLEO, fin asst, Feman RD, reassignment, acct tech, SO
CASEY, DOUGLAS, retirement, SO
GALLEGOS, PATRICK, contract spec, Wenatchee NF, promotion, contract spec, SO
GRANT, BETTY, clk typ, reassignment, pers clk, SO
HARDEN, BETTY, temp prom, computer prog analyst, SO
HEFFNER, KATHARINE, conv to cc appt, hydrol, Sandpoint RD
HIEBERT, PAUL, promotion, frstry tech, Avery RD
HILTON, ARTHUR, promotion, wrkr trainee, Wallace RD
HULSIZER, VICKIE, clk trainee, promotion, clk typ, Wallace RD
JARRELL, TERRIE, promotion, stu trainee, South Zone Engr
JARRETT, VIRGINIA, exc-appt, SCSEP, Couer d'Alene nursing
JOHNSON, COLLEEN, career cond appt, payroll clk, Cd'A Nursery
KERTIS, NANCY, frstr, Olympic NF, reassignment, frstr Sandpoint RD
KUNKEL, LESLIE, clk typ promotion, info recep, Avery RD
LAVALLEY, SHANE, stu trainee, conv to cc appt, prom, contract spec, Wallace RD
LEWIS, DALE, resigned, SCSEP, Feman RD
LUCE, JERRY, retired, Wallace RD
MUELLER, CHARLENE, reassign, res clk, SO
NITCY, DARRELL, SCSEP, Avery RD
PLUE, MARSHALL, conv to career cond appt, frstry tech, St. Maries RD

SCHAUER, WILLIAM, prom, wrkr trainee, Wallace RD
SCOTT, LISA, geol trainee, promotion, geol trne, SO
SEARS, DONALD, retired, Cd'A Nursery
STERNE, CHARLA, promotion, stu trainee, Priest Lake
STRATTON, CHARLENE, resigned, computer asst, Priest Lake RD
SVENSRUD, CAROL, conv to cc appt, clk typ, SO
TITUS, JULIE, financ asst, St. Maries RD, prom, SSS, Fernan RD
WARE, MICHAEL, frstr, Siuslaw NF, promotion, suprvy frstr, Avery RD
WEBBER, JON, resigned, Fernan RD
WHITE, JEANNE, prom, frstr, St. Maries RD
WHITESIDE, THOMAS, civil engr tech, reassignment, warehouse worker, St. Maries RD
YOUNG, BARBARA, promotion, stu trainee, Priest Lake

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

BARNES, CRAIG, frstr, Three Rivers RD, prom, suprvy forstr, R1, Idaho Panhandle NF
BATEMAN, STEVE, frstr, Three Rivers RD, prom, frstr (silv), R1, Nez Perce NF
COLE, DANIEL, exc appt, stu trainee (civil engr) East Zone Engr
ERICKSON, RON, frstr, SO, LMRC, promotion, suprvy frstr
FARMER, KENNETH, frstry tech, Fisher Rvr RD, sus sup perf
GOOD, SALLY, stu trainee (civ engr) E Zone Engr, termination
GROSS, RAY, civ engr, Beaverhead NF, reassign, E Zone Eng
HIGGINS, JEANNE, frstr, Libby RD, reassign, Fisher Rvr RD
HOLFIELD, JENNIFER, exc appt, stu trainee (wldf), SO, RS
KIDD, SANDRA, pers mgmt spec, SO, AS, reassign, pers officer, Bitterroot NF
KINCHELOE, TOM, frstr, Rexford RD, resignation
LAMOTTE-HAGEN, KAREN, stu trainee (hydro) SO, RS, promotion
MATT, CHERYL, exc appt, stu trainee (frstr), Fortine RD
MOHAR, KATHY, res clk, WSSC, promotion, supv res clk
PETERSON, MARGE, pers asst, SO, AS, promotion
REBO, SANDRA, compr clk, SO, AS, promotion, compr asst
RIGHTER, JOHN, district ranger, Three Rivers RD, spec act
SHADLE, JAMES, suprvy frstr, SO, PS, spec act
TANGEN, TERRI, pers asst, SO, AS, promotion

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

HANSON-CHUMRAU, KATHY (KATE) cc appt, public affairs spec, Missoula RD
LOVITT, JENNY, payroll tech, Missoula RD, promotion

REGIONAL OFFICE

AMMONS, WALTER, visual info spec, MTDC, temp appt
DAVIS, CHARLES, supv acct, R-4, to acct, ADM
DAVIS, LAURA, prog asst, MTDC, cash award
DORVILLE, DOROTHY, clk typ, MTDC, cash award
HEBERTSON, ELIZABETH, bio aid TCFPM, temp appt
KIM, DONNA, civ eng, COAST GUARD, to envr eng, E, transfer in
KUEHNE, SANDRA, fin asst, MTDC, cash award
LUSTGRAFF, SARA, carto tech, E, cash award
McNENNY, DARRELL, supv envr eng, E, cash award
PARINI, SHAUNA, summer aid, MTDC, temp appt
SPRIGGS, JAMES, bio aid, TCFPM, temp appt

Coeur d'Alene Nursery Celebrates

by Sue Anderson, Coeur d'Alene Nursery

In celebration of the Idaho Centennial and the Coeur d'Alene Nursery's 30th anniversary, the Nursery participated in the local 4th of July parade by entering a float.

Many hours were spent, by 15-20 nursery employees, in the development and creation of our float. Two tractors were entered in the parade, one pulling a transplanter, the other had two implements - a root pruner and a para till. The float itself was pulled by our John Deere tractor.

When finished the float had a miniature greenhouse - complete with containerized seedlings; bareroot stock planted in beds; larger Tree Improvement trees; cones; and display containers holding various seeds, which were identified. A carved, wooden sign was also displayed that showed that



Kester Poole, forklift operator foreman stands in front of the nursery's float.

the nursery had produced 370 million seedlings from 1960-1990. Two flags, the Idaho Centennial and Forest Service, were also on the float, along with various red, white and blue decorations.

Nursery employees drove the tractors, rode on the transplanter and walked along the parade route handing out "goodies", in the form of balloons, Smokey coins and badges, coloring sheets and other miscellaneous items to the children along the way.

The float was a very good representation of the type of activities performed at the nursery and was well received by those who watched the parade.

Nursery employees are proud of the part they have had in reforestation and were glad to have an opportunity to share in the celebration of Idaho's centennial and also the nursery's 30 years of operation in this community.

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